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March 26, 2019

Dear Mr. Ellis Sessoms,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2018-318-E - Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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Docket No. 2018-318-E - Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order - <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/116871>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
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Mr. Ellis Sessoms

Bennettsville, SC 29512

Mar 13, 2019

Public Service Commission

Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Progress Rate Increase

Dear Public Service Commission,

As a Duke Energy Progress electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy Progress electric rate proposal (2018-318-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

The Duke Energy Progress proposal to increase the basic facilities charge a fixed cost from \$9.08 to \$29. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina, which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

I like so many senior Americans, find that commission or interest group desires their piece of mandatory fee systems. Once publicly owned infrastructure now privatized has planned well in advance rate hikes that far exceed standard rate increases to the detriment of the public least able to afford change. Most recently including communication services and TV services wish grow at and alarming rate and offer less content in exchange for the increase, having as much as 60 to 70 percent of their content in infomercials they already receive compensation for.

Sincerely,
Mr. Ellis Sessoms

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